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| Fill in this information to identify your case: | | |
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| United States Bankruptcy Court for the: | | |
| NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS | _ | |
| Case number (if known) | _ Chapter you are filing under: | |
| | ☐ Chapter 7 | |
| | ☐ Chapter 11 | |
| | ☐ Chapter 12 | |
| | Chapter 13 | Check if this an amended filing |

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

| Par | t 1: Identify Yourself | | |
|-----|---|--|---|
| | | About Debtor 1: | About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case): |
| 1. | Your full name | | |
| | Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's | Mirsad First name | First name |
| | license or passport). | Middle name | Middle name |
| | Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee. | Kokotovic | |
| | | Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III) | Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III) |
| | | | |
| 2. | All other names you have used in the last 8 years | | |
| | Include your married or maiden names. | | |
| 3. | Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN) | xxx-xx-1114 | |
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| | | About Debtor 1: | About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case): |
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| 1. | Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years Include trade names and doing business as names | ■ I have not used any business name or EINs. Business name(s) EINs | ☐ I have not used any business name or EINs. Business name(s) EINs |
| 5. | Where you live | 1709 W. Wallen Chicago, IL 60626 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Cook County | If Debtor 2 lives at a different address: Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code County |
| | | If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address. Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code | If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address. Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code |
| 6. | Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy | Check one: Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district. I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.) | Check one: Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district. I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.) |

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| art | Tell the Court About | Your Ba | ankruptcy Ca | ise | | | | |
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| 7. | The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are | | | | of each, see <i>Notice Required L</i> page 1 and check the appropr | by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filingiate box. | g for Bankruptcy | |
| | choosing to file under | ☐ Ch | napter 7 | | | | | |
| | | ☐ Ch | apter 11 | | | | | |
| | | ☐ Ch | apter 12 | | | | | |
| | | ■ Ch | napter 13 | | | | | |
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| 3. | How you will pay the fee | | about how yo | u may pay. Typio attorney is subm | cally, if you are paying the fee | eck with the clerk's office in your local cor yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier ehalf, your attorney may pay with a credit | 's check, or money | |
| | | | I need to pay The Filing Fe | the fee in insta e in Installments | allments. If you choose this or (Official Form 103A). | otion, sign and attach the Application for I | ndividuals to Pay | |
| | | | I request that my fee be waived (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge material but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill o | | | | | |
| | | | the <i>Applicatio</i> | on to Have the C | hapter 7 Filing Fee Waived (O | fficial Form 103B) and file it with your peti | tion. | |
| €. | Have you filed for bankruptcy within the | ■ No. | | | | | | |
| | last 8 years? | ☐ Yes | | | | | | |
| | | | District | | | | | |
| | | | District | | When | Case number | | |
| | | | District | | When | Case number | | |
| 10. | Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being | ■ No | | | | | | |
| | filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate? | ☐ Yes | S. | | | | | |
| | | | Debtor | | | Relationship to you | | |
| | | | District | | When | Case number, if known | | |
| | | | Debtor | | | Relationship to you | | |
| | | | District | | When | Case number, if known | | |
| 11. | Do you rent your residence? | □ No. | . Go to l | ine 12. | | | | |
| | residence: | ■ Yes | s. Has yo | ur landlord obtai | ned an eviction judgment again | inst you and do you want to stay in your re | esidence? | |
| | | | | No. Go to line 1 | 2. | | | |
| | | | | Yes. Fill out <i>Init</i> bankruptcy petit | | on Judgment Against You (Form 101A) an | d file it with this | |
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Document Page 4 of 12 Case number (if known) Debtor 1 Mirsad Kokotovic Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor 12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time No. Go to Part 4. business? Name and location of business ☐ Yes. A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as Name of business, if any an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC. Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition. Check the appropriate box to describe your business: Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A)) Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B)) Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A)) Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6)) None of the above 13. Are you filing under If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate Chapter 11 of the deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of **Bankruptcy Code and are** operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure you a small business in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B). debtor? I am not filing under Chapter 11. No.

For a definition of small business debtor, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy □ No.

☐ Yes.

I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention

14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?

> For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

| No. | |
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☐ Yes.

What is the hazard?

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

Where is the property?

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

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Part 5:

Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

 Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

☐ I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

☐ Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

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My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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| Par | 6: Answer These Quest | ions for Re | porting Purposes | | | | |
| 16. | What kind of debts do you have? | | Are your debts primarily con individual primarily for a persor | | | in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an | |
| | | | ☐ No. Go to line 16b. | | | | |
| | | | Yes. Go to line 17. | | | | |
| | | | Are your debts primarily bus money for a business or invest | | | | |
| | | | ☐ No. Go to line 16c. | | | | |
| | | | ☐ Yes. Go to line 17. | | | | |
| | | 16c. | State the type of debts you own | e that are not consumer of | debts or business de | ebts | |
| 17. | Are you filing under Chapter 7? | ■ No. | I am not filing under Chapter 7. | . Go to line 18. | | | |
| | Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and | | I am filing under Chapter 7. Do are paid that funds will be avail | | | is excluded and administrative expenses | |
| | administrative expenses | | □ No | | | | |
| | are paid that funds will be available for | | ☐ Yes | | | | |
| | distribution to unsecured creditors? | | | | | | |
| 18. | How many Creditors do | 1 -49 | | 1 ,000-5,000 | | 1 25,001-50,000 | |
| | you estimate that you owe? | □ 50-99 | | ☐ 5001-10,000 | | 50,001-100,000 | |
| | | ☐ 100-19 ☐ 200-99 | | 10,001-25,000 | | ☐ More than100,000 | |
| 19. | How much do you | \$ 0 - \$5 | 0.000 | □ \$1,000,001 - \$10 | 0 million | ☐ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion | |
| | estimate your assets to be worth? | □ \$50,00 | 1 - \$100,000 | □ \$10,000,001 - \$5 | | □ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion | |
| | | | 01 - \$500,000 01 - \$1 million | □ \$50,000,001 - \$1 □ \$100,000,001 - \$ | | ☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion ☐ More than \$50 billion | |
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| 20. | How much do you estimate your liabilities | 1 \$0 - \$5 | 0,000 | <u> </u> | | □ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion | |
| | to be? | | 01 - \$100,000 | □ \$10,000,001 - \$5 □ \$50,000,001 - \$7 | | □ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion □ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion | |
| | | | 01 - \$500,000 01 - \$1 million | □ \$100,000,001 - \$ | | ☐ More than \$50 billion | |
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| Par | 7: Sign Below | | | | | | |
| For | you | I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct. | | | | | |
| | | | hosen to file under Chapter 7, I ates Code. I understand the reli | | | ler Chapter 7, 11,12, or 13 of title 11, e to proceed under Chapter 7. | |
| | | | ney represents me and I did not , I have obtained and read the i | | | attorney to help me fill out this | |
| | | I request r | relief in accordance with the cha | apter of title 11, United S | tates Code, specifie | d in this petition. | |
| | | bankruptc and 3571. | y case can result in fines up to | | | operty by fraud in connection with a s, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, | |
| | | | d Kokotovic (okotovic | Sig | nature of Debtor 2 | | |
| | | | of Debtor 1 | 0.9 | , | | |
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For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page. I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

| /s/ George | M. Vogl, IV ARDC # | Date | September 20, 2017 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Signature of | Attorney for Debtor | | MM / DD / YYYY |
| George M. | Vogl, IV ARDC # | | |
| | Vu & Borges, LLC | | |
| 105 W. Ma | | | |
| 23rd Floor Chicago, I | | | |
| Number, Street, | City, State & ZIP Code | | |
| Contact phone | 312-853-0200 | Email address | notice@billbusters.com |
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B2030 (Form 2030) (12/15)

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois

| In re | Mirsad Kokotovic | | Case No. | |
|-------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | Debtor(s) | Chapter | 13 |
| | DISCLOSURE OF COMPENS | SATION OF ATTOR | RNEY FOR DE | CBTOR(S) |
| C | arsuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b) ompensation paid to me within one year before the filing of erendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of of | of the petition in bankruptcy, | or agreed to be paid | to me, for services rendered or to |
| | For legal services, I have agreed to accept | | <u> </u> | 4,000.00 |
| | Prior to the filing of this statement I have received | | \$ | 0.00 |
| | Balance Due | | \$ | 4,000.00 |
| 2. \$ | 310.00 of the filing fee has been paid. | | | |
| 3. T | he source of the compensation paid to me was: | | | |
| | ■ Debtor □ Other (specify): | | | |
| 4. T | he source of compensation to be paid to me is: | | | |
| | ■ Debtor □ Other (specify): | | | |
| 5. I | I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compens | sation with any other person to | unless they are memb | bers and associates of my law firm. |
| [| I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names | | | |
| 6. I | n return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to rend | er legal service for all aspects | s of the bankruptcy c | ase, including: |
| b. c. | Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and renderin Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statem Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors [Other provisions as needed] Exemption planning; preparation and filing and filing of motions pursuant to 11 USC 5 | ent of affairs and plan which and confirmation hearing, an g of reaffirmation agreem | may be required; d any adjourned hear nents and applicat | rings thereof; |
| 7. B | y agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee de Representation of the debtors in any disch | oes not include the following nargeability actions or an | service: y other adversary | / proceeding. |
| | | CERTIFICATION | | |
| | certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any a nkruptcy proceeding. | greement or arrangement for | payment to me for re | epresentation of the debtor(s) in |
| Se | ptember 20, 2017 | /s/ George M. Vog | | |
| Da | - | George M. Vogl, I' Signature of Attorne Ledford, Wu & Bo 105 W. Madison 23rd Floor Chicago, IL 60602 312-853-0200 Far notice @billbuster Name of law firm | V ARDC # 627359 y orges, LLC ! x: 312-873-4693 | 0 |

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Ledford, Wu and Borges, LLC Afforceys al Low

105 W. Madison, 23rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60602 (312)853-0200 Fax: (312)873-4693

CONSULTATION AGREEMENT

| FOR | OFFIÇE USE |
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| Client No. | <u>. 46 -30 At.</u> 1 |
| Interviewin | g Attorney: |
| Date 0/ | 20-17 |
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THIS AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW (11 U.S.C. § 528(a))

- 1. Parties: In this contract, "Client" means the undersigned, both individually and jointly; "Attorney" means the law firm of Ledford. Wu & Borges, LLC and its staff attorneys.
- 2. Purpose: Client has requested the opportunity to consult with and obtain information and advice from Attorney concerning options for relief from debts, which may include filing bankruptcy. This agreement is for purposes of that consultation only.
- 3. Client's Duties: In order for Attorney to give meaningful advice, Client agrees to give accurate, honest, full and fair disclosure of financial information concerning income over the past three years from all sources, monthly living expenses, the type and amount of all debts (including names and addresses of all creditors), all assets and property owned by the client, wherever located and by whomever held, and any additional information determined by Attorney to be relevant.
- 4. Services: The attorney agrees to provide Client with the following services:
 - a. analyzing Client's financial circumstances based on information provided by Client;
 - b. to the extent possible, advising Client of bankruptcy options and non-bankruptcy options based on the information provided by Client;
 - c. if Client has not provided Attorney with sufficient information upon which to fully advise Client on Client's options, informing Client what additional information Client needs to provide in order to enable Attorney to provide such advice and information;
 - d. where applicable, advising Client of the requirements placed upon Client to file a bankruptcy; and
 - to the extent possible, quoting a fee for providing bankruptcy and/or nonbankruptcy assistance to Client

| 5. Fees (check one |): | | | | |
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| | | vaived if Client decide the conclusion of the in | s not to retain Attorney, terview | , in which case | e the attorney-client |
| Client agree | s to pay \$ | in nonrefundable co | nsultation fee | | |
| the case, and a new | written contract, a , which shall super | as well as a Court-App: rsede this agreement. T | n becomes biliable and is roved Retention Agreeme he new agreement(s) will | ent if applicable | e, must be signed by |
| Client is the date no information mandate | oted above, and th ed by Section 527(| nat Attorney provided (b) of the Bankruptcy C | e upon which Attorney pro Client with a copy of this ode. | | |
| x Mirs | AD Kokot | oviCx_ | | Date: 9 | , 20 2017 |
| Attorney Signature; | oban B | M 3ARDC# | : | | |

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ATTORNEY RETENTION CONTRACT

FOR OFFICE USE (13)
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Responsible attorney: GMV
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| his saar alterneys. This contract shall supersede any prior contracts and agreements between the parties to the | e extent of inconsistency | u In the |
| event of any inconsistency between this contract and a Court-Approved Retention Agreement, the latter | chall provoil | y. III the |

| Services: Client retains Attorney for the following services: | ☑ Chapter 13 bankruptcy (debt adjustment) |
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| 3 | Scope of Representation. | | | |

(a) Attorney will counsel and represent Client in all aspects of the above matter(s) for the fee specified in Paragraph 4 EXCEPT: (1) adversary proceedings; (2) post-discharge litigation; (3) appeals; (4) other (specify): _______

(b) Attorney may agree, but is not obligated, to represent Client in the above excluded matters for an additional fee, to be agreed upon separately by the parties.

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| 4. Fees: Logal fee: \$\frac{4000}{\text{PLUS}}\$ PLUS Expenses: \$\frac{60}{\text{PLUS}}\$ PLUS \$310 filing fee (a Court-Approved Retention Agreement may apply also Total be paid before filing: \$\frac{320}{\text{Normal one}}\$ with payroll control; \$\frac{900}{\text{Normal one}}\$ inside plan TOTAL TO FILE: \$\frac{320}{\text{Normal one}}\$ less retainer received: \$\frac{320}{\text{Normal one}}\$ Fee balance; \$\frac{100}{\text{Normal one}}\$ To be paid by: The legal fee is an \$\frac{100}{\text{Normal one}}\$ advance payment retainer \$\frac{100}{\text{Security retainer}}\$ security retainer will be within the reach of Client's credit Should hourly billing be necessary, Attorney's billing rates are \$300.\$400/hour for partners, \$250/hour for associates, and \$90/hour for clerks. The filing fee and expenses are subject to change at any time. The billing rates are subject to an annual review and potential incre every calendar year. The legal fee covers the initial consultation and all subsequent work. The case may be closed if the fees are not paid by the deadly Additional legal fees may apply if the partics have entered into a Court-Approved Retention Agreement and such Agreement so authorizes, of the case is converted from one chapter to another. Additional court costs may apply for amending a petition, list, schedule or statement position or other reasons not due to Attentive feets. |
| filing or other reasons not due to Attorney's fault. NSF checks will be assessed a \$20 fee. 5. Initial Consultation. Client acknowledges that Attorney has explained the following (please initial): Y The options of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 2 The concepts of exemption, discharge and dischargeability, and pre-filing and post-filing procedures The difference among various types of retainer and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 4 A Chapter 13 plan will be submitted to the Court in good faith. The plan payment may have to increase if creditor claims come higher than scheduled, creditors successfully argue that they are entitled to a higher interest rate, the Trustee successfully argue that the budgeted income is lower than actual income, the Trustee successfully argues that budgeted expenses are unreasonably higher than actual income is not the best effort you can make to repay your creditors. Y TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Any delay on Client's part may disqualify Client for the type of relief elected or otherwise adverse affect Client's case. Attorney may not be able to file the case, or take other necessary actions, until all requested documents and information, including but not limited to a certificate of credit counseling, are received by Attorney Other (specify): |

Client understands that the advice given during the initial consultation is preliminary and based on the information available at the time, and may change as the case is further analyzed, more facts discovered, or Client's circumstances or the law changed.

- 6. Client's Duties. Client agrees, during the course of representation, to:
- (a) provide Attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise;
- (b) follow Attorney's procedures and cooperate with Attorney in providing requested documents and information;
- (c) promptly inform Attorney of any change of address, phone number, e-mail address or employment, or activation of military duty;
- (d) inform Attorney before buying, selling, refinancing or transferring any real property in which Client has any interest, and before incurring any new debt, including but not limited to applying for an auto loan, personal loan, payday loan or title loan, applying for a credit card or line of credit, and
- (e) promptly inform Attorney if Client becomes entitled to an inheritance, an asset as a result of a property settlement agreement with Client's spouse or a divorce decree, life insurance proceeds, or a monetary judgment, award or settlement.
- 7. Co-counsel. Client understands that more than one attorney may work on this case. Where necessary, Client agrees to employ outside counsel, at Attorney's expense, to work on this case, including: Kathleen W. Vaught, Kelly M. Johnson, David Carter, or Christina Banyon.
- 8. Termination. Client may discharge Attorney at any time, subject to payment of any fee owed for the services already rendered. Attorney may terminate the representation as permitted by the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and Local Bankruptcy Rules. Any flat fee for a bankruptcy case is advance payment for future services, becomes Attorney's property upon receipt, and is nonrefundable upon filing of the petition. In the event the representation is terminated by either party before filing and Client has paid Attorney more than \$300, Attorney will provide Client with a detailed itemization of the services rendered in support of any fee charged at the rate set forth in Paragraph 4, and Client will reimburse Attorney for any expenses, including those that otherwise would be free of charge, and authorizes Attorney to apply the filing fee and any payment for expenses that have not been incurred towards the attorney's fee, subject to the requirements set forth herein.

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